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1. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS ON FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. "FORD DEFENDS ISRAEL AID, BUT DENIES COMMITMENT", (BERNARD GWERTZMAN.) "PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH 'VERY SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY WEAPONRY' IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL AGREEMENT IN SINAI, BUT INSISTED THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL AND DEFENSE ASSURANCES DID NOT CONSTITUTE A SECURITY TREATY WITH ISRAEL.

"COMMENTING ON UNITED STATES PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS MADE AS PART OF THE SINAI PACKAGE, MR. FORD AT A NEWS CONFERENCE SOUGHT TO PLACE THE COMMITMENTS IN A HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK RATHER THAN PORTRAY THEM AS A REWARD TO ISRAEL FOR GOING ALONG WITH THE NEW PULLBACK IN SINAI.

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"HE SAID THE PRIVATE ASSURANCES TO SUPPLY ADVANCED EQUIPMENT SUCH AS THE F-16 FIGHTER AND TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF THE PERSHING GROUND-TO-GROUND MISSILE WERE NOT FIRM COMMITMENTS AND THAT THESE ITEMS WERE MERELY ON THE SHOPPING

LIST THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH ISRAEL. DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW FOR THESE TALKS.

"IN THE LAST WEEK, THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS PUBLISHED DETAILS OF UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENTS THAT TOGETHER WITH THE PUBLIC ACCORD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT MAKE UP THE SINAI AGREEMENT. THE TEXTS OF SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH JACK ANDERSON, THE COLUMNIST, AND AUTHENTICATED BY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE SEEN THE ORIGINALS.

"SEVERAL OF THE QUESTIONS TODAY WERE PROMPTED BY THE DISCLOSURE, IN A BRIEF DOCUMENT CALLED 'ASSURANCES' FROM THE UNITED STATES TO ISRAEL, THAT WASHINGTON WOULD MAINTAIN ISRAEL'S DEFENSIVE STRENGTH THROUGH THE SUPPLY OF THE F-16, AN AIR FORCE FIGHTER THAT IS STILL A FEW YEARS AWAY FROM PRODUCTION, AND THE POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF THE PERSHING MISSILE, WITH A 460-MILE RANGE, ABLE TO HIT TARGETS IN EGYPT, SYRIA OR JORDAN.

"WE HAVE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME SUPPLIED ISRAEL WITH VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF MILITARY HARDWARE,' MR. FORD SAID IN TODAY'S NEWS CONFERENCE.

"THIS WAS A POLICY ESTABLISHED A GOOD MANY YEARS AGO AND WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT THE SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS VERY IMPORTANT, AND THE MILITARY HARDWARE THAT WE HAVE IN THE PAST AND WILL IN THE FUTURE PROVIDES FOR THAT SURVIVAL.'

"A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER THE VARIOUS ASSURANCES MEANT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS 'MOVING TOWARDS A SECURITY TREATY WITH ISRAEL,' AS SUGGESTED BY SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PRIVATELY.

"I WOULDN'T SAY A SECURITY TREATY,' THE PRESIDENT REPLIED.  
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'I WOULD SIMPLY REITERATE WHAT I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THAT HISTORICALLY THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPLIED ISRAEL WITH VERY SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY WEAPONRY AND IT IS OUR PLAN TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.'"...

B. "COMPROMISE IS SET ON JORDAN MISSILES". "THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS REACHED AGREEMENT TODAY ON A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD ALLOW JORDAN TO RECEIVE 14 BATTERIES OF HAWK ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES TEMPORARILY BLOCKED ON CAPITOL HILL.

"SENATOR CLIFFORD P. CASE, REPUBLICAN OF NEW JERSEY, SAID THAT, UNDER THE COMPROMISE, PRESIDENT FORD WOULD SEND A LETTER TO CONGRESS TOMORROW PLEDGING THAT THE MISSILES

COULD NOT BE USED IN SUPPORT OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS  
AGAINST ISRAEL.

"THIS WAS THE MINIMUM DEMAND OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LED  
BY MR. CASE AND REPRESENTATIVE JOHNATHAN B. BINGHAM,  
DEMOCRAT OF THE BRONX, WHO HAD OPPOSED THE SALE.

"MR. CASE SAID MR. FORD WOULD ASSERT THAT THE MISSILES  
WOULD BE 'PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AT THEIR LOCATIONS AS  
FIXED DEFENSIVE AND NONMOBILE ANTIAIRCRAFT WEAPONS.'

"IN ADDITION, MR. CASE SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW,  
MR. FORD WILL PROMISE THAT NO JORDANIANS WILL BE GIVEN  
TRAINING IN USING THE MISSILE AS MOBILE WEAPONS. OTHER  
ASSURANCES INCLUDE PLEDGES THAT NO CONSOLES ALLOWING  
THE MISSILES TO FIRE WHILE IN A MOBILE STATUS WILL BE SOLD  
TO JORDAN....

"AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MR. CASE AND  
MR. BINGHAM, ON ONE HAND, AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER  
AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH J. SISCO, ON THE  
OTHER, VARIOUS DRAFTS OF LETTERS WERE EXCHANGED THAT  
PRODUCED TODAY'S COMPROMISE.

"JORDAN, IN ADDITION TO THE MISSILES, WILL RECEIVE A  
\$90-MILLION VULCAN ANTIAIRCRAFT GUN SYSTEM AND \$3-MILLION  
IN RED-EYE SHOULDER-FIRED ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILES, ALREADY  
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APPROVED."

C. "SOVIET TESTING MISSILES IN BARENTS SEA", ( JREW  
MIDDLETON.) "THE SOVIET UNION BEGAN MISSILE TESTS YESTERDAY  
IN THE BARENTS SEA, AN AREA STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT TO  
BOTH THE RUSSIANS AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZA-  
TION.

"WESTERN INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS CONSIDER THE TESTS MILITAR-  
ILY AND POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

"THE TESTS, THE ANALYSTS SAID, WILL DEMONSTRATE THE  
EXTENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SOVIET DEFENSES OF THEIR HUGE  
NAVAL-AIR COMPLEX AROUND MURMANSK, AND IN SOVIET EYES  
AT LEAST, WILL WARN FOREIGN POWERS OF THE DANGERS OF  
ESPIONAGE IN PEACE AND ATTACK IN WAR.

"BEHOND THIS MILITARY DEMONSTRATION LIES THE POSSIBLE  
POLITICAL PRESSURE THE TESTS WILL EXERT ON NORWAY. THE  
SOVIET UNION IS ABOUT TO NEGOTIATE WITH NORWAY OVER  
NATIONAL BOUNDARIES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE BARENTS  
SEA SOUTH OF SPITZBERGEN. SOVIET PROPAGANDA HAS  
FREQUENTLY CRITICIZED THE EXISTENCE OF NATO ELECTRONIC

INSTALLATIONS IN FINNMARK, NORWAY'S NORTHERNMOST PROVINCE, WHICH LIES ACROSS THE BARENTS SEA FROM SPITZBERGEN.

"THE TESTS, ANNOUNCED BY MOSCOW ON SEPT. 11, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SEPT. 27....FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN WARNED TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE AREA...

"THE RUSSIANS, ACCORDING TO ONE ANALYST, 'MAY BE TELLING US SOMETHING' IN THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT.

"HIS INTERPRETATION OF THE MESSAGE WAS THAT NATO, AND PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, WAS BEING INFORMED THAT THE MURMANSK NAVAL COMPLEX IS DEFENDED BY AN ABUNDANCE OF SURFACE-TO-SURFACE, SURFACE-TO-AIR AND ANTISUBMARINE MISSILES AND THAT MOSCOW MAY THINK IT NECESSARY TO WARN OFF FOREIGN AIR OR SEABORN INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING VEHICLES....  
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"THE MISSILE TESTS MAY HAVE A SECOND OBJECTIVE. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND NORWAY OVER THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE BARENTS SEA ARE TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR. THERE ARE WESTERN ESTIMATES THAT THE SHELF CONTAINS VALUABLE OIL DEPOSITS AND AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE AWARE OF THIS."...

D. "UN ADOPTS PLAN FOR POOR NATIONS", ( PAUL HOFMANN.)  
"RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES, AT THE END OF 16 DAYS OF INTENSIVE BUT GENERALLY RESTRAINED DEBATE, UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TODAY ON MEASURES TO NARROW THE GAP DIVIDING THEM.

"A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO THE PLIGHT OF THE THIRD WORLD ENDED WITH THE ADOPTION OF A LONG SET OF PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 'REDRESSING THE ECONOMIC IMBALANCE' IN THE WORLD....

"MOST PARTICIPANTS IN THE SPECIAL SESSION AGREED THAT ITS ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT HAD BEEN IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO THAT PREVAILING IN THE PRECEDING SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS TACKLING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME SUBJECTS...

"THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC PASSAGES IN THE 6,000-WORD DOCUMENT THAT WAS DRAFTED IN TENSE NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED AMONG GROUPS OF DELEGATES ALMOST AROUND THE CLOCK FOR FOUR DAYS.

"HOWEVER, THE CHIEF AMERICAN DELEGATE,...MOYNIHAN, TOLD THE ASSEMBLY AFTER THE RESOLUTION'S PASSAGE BY CONSENSUS THAT A 'GENUINE ACCORD HAD BEEN REACHED.'..."

2. WASH POST ITEMS:

A. LONG-TERM GRAIN DEAL WITH MOSCOW "LIKELY"(PETER OSNOS,) MOSCOW, 9/16: SOVIET UNION HAS ACCEPTED IDEA OF A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT GOVERNING SOVIET PURCHASES OF GRAIN FROM U.S. AND TERMS OF SUCH AN ACCORD WILL PROBABLY BE SET "IN NEXT FEW WEEKS," UNDERSEC OF STATE CHARLES ROBINSON SAID  
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TODAY.

ROBINSON, WHO HEADED A 3-MAN U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM THAT ARRIVED HERE THURSDAY, TOLD REPORTERS THAT IT IS "VERY LIKELY" THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED SOON ON SIZE OF MINIMUM SOVIET YEARLY PURCHASE, LENGTH AND NATURE OF COMMITMENT AND MECHANICS OF SUPERVISING ACCORD....

B. OIL ACTION STRESSED BY KISSINGER,(EDWARD WALSH,)LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA., 9/16: SECSTATE KISSINGER TOLD A GROUP OF SOUTHERN GOVERNORS HERE TODAY THAT ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS THEIR STATES HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF ENERGY CRISIS WILL BE EASED ONLY IF U.S. ACTS JOINTLY WITH ITS ALLIES TO BREAK GRIP OF OIL PRODUCING NATIONS OVER WORLD ENERGY PRICES.

STRESSING NEED FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION IN SUCH AREAS AS ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, HAK TOLD PARTICIPANTS AT CONFERENCE THAT U.S. IS PREPARED TO SEEK "NEW RELATIONS" WITH OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS, WHICH HE CALLED "NATURAL ECONOMIC PARTNERS" OF CONSUMING NATIONS.

HAK WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCH NEW RELATIONS WOULD BE "SEVERELY DAMAGED" BY ANOTHER PRICE INCREASE BY OPEC, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER MOVE AT A MEETING LATER THIS MONTH....

AFTER HIS BRIEF COMMENTS ON ENERGY, HAK SPENT AN HOUR FIELD-ING QUESTIONS FROM GOVERNORS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF FOREIGN POLICY....

HE WARNED, HOWEVER..IHAT AN AMERICAN REFUSAL TO MEET ANY OF PANAMA'S DEMANDS FOR MORE CONTROL COULD LEAD TO A "VIETNAM-TYPE SITUATION" IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, HAK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN ASSISTING AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN DEALING OVERSEAS HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH CHANGING WORLD ECONOMIC AND TRADE CONDITIONS. HE TOLD GOVERNORS ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THAT PERFORMANCE....

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C. USSR GETS WARNING ON ME: SECSTATE KISSINGER WARNED SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY THAT "THE U.S. WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND AND WOULD BE OBLIGED TO OPPOSE EFFORTS BY ANY OUTSIDE POWER TO THWART EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT."

STATE DEPT OICIALS SAID MOSCOW COULD EXPECT A STRONG RESPONSE IF IT SOUGHT TO USE ITS VETO TO PREVENT RENEWAL OF MANDATES OF UN FORCES IN SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN FRONTS OR IF IT MOVED TO ENCOURAGE RADICAL ARAB OPPOSITION TO NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT....

D. CIA TELLS OF EXOTIC WEAPONS,(GEORGE LARDNER, JR.:)  
CIA SPENT SOME \$3 MILLION ON A SECRET STOCKPILE OF DEADLY POISONS AND COMPANION WEAPONRY SUCH AS A DART GUN THAT COULD KILL ITS VICTIMS WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE, CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY ACKNOWLEDGED YESTERDAY. ... KISSINGER

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